



*One Mission :*

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## *Student Success*

Oregon FFA,

After waiting in line for an hour you finally climb into the seat, buckle the seat belt and begin the ascent; you then feel that distinct pain of fear. There is no way to describe it, nor is it understandable exactly what causes that unique feeling. Yet every summer thousands of us pack into amusement parks to overcome our fears and feel that rush of adrenaline pump through our bodies. We know that when all is said and done we will come out alive and well. Why is it so difficult to apply this to our everyday lives? Often we want to stay hidden in our shells and not explore the vast world around us.

My freshman year I strapped in and began the ascent into my FFA career, early on that year that distinct pain hit me, but this time it was not caused by a rollercoaster. My Ag instructor made the executive decision that I would represent our chapter at the District Creed Speaking Contest. The mere thought of this rather daunting challenge at the time almost made me faint. I practiced every day after school for weeks on end, eventually each day reciting it in front of an audience became easier and easier.



Finally the big day had come and I was a nervous wreck, but I made the mental decision that I was committed at that point. We drew for order and it was finally my turn to walk into the presentation room. As I stood in front of the judges the words began to flow out of my mouth, and about half way through I froze solid. I had forgotten the words of the creed. After a little assistance from the judges I was able to finish.

Even though I was utterly embarrassed by my own mistakes I remember what my advisor said to me “you will never progress by not trying”. I have taken those words from that day with me throughout my FFA career and in every other aspect of my life. At times it’s not easy to take the leap out of your comfort zone, but it is always well worth the try.

Sometimes stepping out of your comfort zone is not a task you can accomplish completely on your own. It is moments like this when you truly need a team of people to support and guide you along the way. Maybe it’s those few words from your advisor that make all the difference in the world, the positive reinforcement from your fellow officers, or that unique advice from a person who is truly dedicated to helping you reach new heights. Oregon FFA I want to be that person that has the opportunity to help guide you along on the path to reach “premier leadership, personal growth, and career success”.

Oregon FFA strap yourselves in, because the ascent to the 2012 Oregon FFA State Convention has begun. I can feel the adrenaline already rushing through my veins. The question is are you ready for the adrenaline rush of a lifetime? Oregon FFA I cannot wait to see you **ALIVE IN ACTION!**

Sincerely,

*Brett A. Lynn*

Brett A. Lynn, Lower Willamette District President

*It is hard to fail, but it worse to never have tried to succeed- Theodore Roosevelt*

# *FFA Activities*

## 2008-2009

- Soils CDE: District
- Tree Lot Committee: Chapter
- Sable House Tree Recycle: Chapter
- Creed CDE: District
- Pie Social: Chapter
- Hearts & Wines: Chapter
- Parliamentary Procedures: Chapter
- District Convention
- Co-Op Quiz CDE: District
- State Convention
- Knowledge Test CDE: State
- FBM CDE: State
- Nursery CDE: State
- Floriculture CDE: State
- Ag Fest: Chapter
- OSU CDE Days
- Poultry Evaluation CDE: State
- Forestry CDE: State
- Chapter Banquet
- Weigh-Days: Chapter
- Summer Fest Float: Chapter
- County Fair: Chapter
- Livestock Evaluation CDE: State

## 2009-2010

- Chapter Sentinel
- Freshman Orientation: Chapter
- Soils CDE: District
- National Convention
- Tree Lot Committee Chairman: Chapter
- Sable House Tree Recycle: Chapter
- Advance Leadership Development Conference: State
- Ag In The Classroom: Chapter
- Parliamentary Procedures CDE: District
- Sophomore Public Speaking CDE: District
- FFA Week
- Pie Social: Chapter
- Hearts & Wines: Chapter
- District Convention
- Proficiency Committee: District
- State Convention
- FBM CDE: State
- Nursery CDE: District
- Floriculture CDE: State
- Ag Fest: Chapter
- OSU CDE Days
- Poultry Evaluation CDE: State
- Livestock Evaluation: LBCC Contest
- Chapter Banquet

- Weigh-Days: Chapter
- Summer Fest Float: Chapter
- County Fair: Chapter
- Tractor Driving: District
- Livestock Evaluation CDE: State

## 2010-2011

- State Executive Committee Meetings
- School Board Meetings
- Chapter BBQs
- Chapter President
- District Treasurer
- Extreme Home Makeover: Chapter
- Dragon Pride Night: Chapter
- District Leadership Camp
- Soils CDE: State
- National Convention
- Pie Social: Chapter
- Ag Sales CDE: District
- Tree Lot Committee Chairman: Chapter
- Sable House Tree Recycle: Chapter
- District Volleyball
- Hearts & Wines: Chapter
- District Convention
- State Convention
- Job Interview CDE: State
- Floriculture CDE: District
- Nursery CDE: State
- Ag Fest: Chapter
- OSU CDE Days
- Poultry Evaluation CDE: State
- Crops CDE: State
- Ag Day: Chapter
- Forestry CDE: State
- Chapter Banquet
- Washington Leadership Conference
- Weigh-Days: Chapter
- Summer Fest Float: Chapter
- County Fair: Chapter
- State Fair

## 2011-2012

- Chapter President
- District President
- District Leadership Camp
- Soils CDE: State
- Job Interview CDE: National
- Speaker at the SAIF Agri-Business Banquet
- Extemporaneous Public Speaking CDE: District
- Prepared Public Speaking: Sectional

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